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Mercantile Politics.

The evil of mixing politics with trade is now seriously felt among the merchants in New York in the Southern trade. They attempted to court Southern custom by professing a devotion to Southern interests, and patronized the Southern papers which published black lists of Northern dealers and manufacturers who were unground on the negro question. The Atlanta (Ga.) Confederacy had an editor resident at New York especially for this chivalrous business. The Richmond Enquirer had a correspondent traveling among the Connecticut manufacturers, reporting on their political views. New York merchants got up pretentious political meetings at the Academy of Music, and feed Charles O'Connor to show the providential status of the negro, and sent their drummers and porters to disturb Republican meetings.

This state of affairs was a harvest for the South, and there are no people who so well understand how to combine thrift with political excitement. There are certain traditions which exist as if they were original elements, having neither beginning nor end, and entirely self-existing. Among these are the ideas that shrewdness is money is a north-eastern trait, and generosity and free expenditure a Southern trait. They are pleading delusions. It is a queer feature in our philosophy that a people whose standing fanaticsism is founded on a material interest, should be the class which is set up as being indifferent to profit, while a section which is fanatical on issues, but remotely, if at all, connected with their interest, should be set down as governed solely by money. Travel, and observation of the mingling of the different sections at the capital and large cities, will show that humanity has a common starting point, and that the virtues of benevolence, generosity, hospitality, and personal honor, are, like their counterparts, governed and developed in ratio to the general intelligence, civilization, education and social culture of the people. The progress of civilization would be impossible if this were not so.

This reign of fear and funkism over the New York merchants was like providential manna to the doubtful and insolvent among the traders of the South, and they improved it. Starring papers, like the Atlanta Confederacy, of two or three hundred circulation and no brains, and which, if left to their own resources, would never be heard from out of their own county, had editors residing at first-class hotels in New York, or correspondents traveling among Northern merchants and manufacturers, and living in clover. Southern country editors, who left home as shabby and lean as the apothecary in Rome, put flesh and good clothes on their bones, by merely registering themselves at Northern hotels as editors of the Southern Recorder, or the Southern Confederacy. The lordly airs with which insolvent and beggarly sharpers from the South, required to know the political views of the merchants of Pearl and Murray-streets, before they could consent to make a bill, were overpowering. How could a New Yorker presume to question the responsibility of a Southerner who owned so large an interest in the rights of the South? Shall men who have in charge the sacred interests of the whole South, be questioned as to their responsibility for a paltry bill of a few thousand dollars worth of dry goods? Why, it would be an attack upon Southern institutions! It would prove at once that the merchant was an incendiary enemy to the rights of the South, and a John Brown Republican, who would light the torch of servile war.

The thing worked beautifully. The Southern trade was never so large, and as the North-west was suffering from short crops, and limited its purchases to what it expected to pay for, the prosperity of the Southern dealers was contrasted with the limited business of those in the Western trade, and was vaunted as the reward of true, national, Southern, Union-loving principles. The New York Herald proclaimed that the North-west was of no account, and that the Southern trade was the only trade worth having. The Journal of Commerce improved the occasion to show how Providence smiled on national principles, and frowned on black-republican traders.

But payment is an essential feature of a prosperous trade. The time of payment for this flush time of prosperity has come round, and the New York merchants, who reaped the greatest harvest from their national principles, are asking extensions on their liabilities. Sound political views will not meet notes, and the customers, who were so careful of Southern rights in their purchases, are quite careless about meeting their bills. The crop of cotton is said to be short. No serious shortness has yet been established; certainly none to effect general credit. Besides, the old crop is not yet exhausted, and no returns are expected from the new for some time, while bills have been coming back to New York from the South protested, so that some of the New York merchants have had time to exhaust the various financial shifts, and have been compelled to make an arrangement with their creditors. The anticipated deficiency of the present crop will not account for this, nor need a moderate deficiency in a crop, so profitable as cotton, produce a financial crisis among solvent Southern men. It is probable that the New York merchants have sacrificed mercantile shrewdness and caution to negro funkism, and have given large credits to men who had no credit at home.

But now the question of payment has also become political. Why not, when the purchase was made? The election of Lincoln is talked of as a general guarantee of Southern promises to pay, and a secession is to wipe out all obligations. To urge payment on a claim due the North, is regarded as an attack upon Southern institutions. An Alabama paper says that if Lincoln is elected, the South will take its time for payment of debts to the North. "It owes a duty first to itself." "When the Southern States are fully armed and fortified, and have full crops and full pockets, will be time enough to begin to think about paying their enemies." Of course, any Northern trader who is urgent about his claims will be set down as a John Brown Republican, who would light the torch of servile war in the South, and if he should attempt, in person, to make

collections, he would be hung up at once as an incendiary person.

This game of mercantile politics has been tried to some extent here. We are told that the property of Cincinnati depends on the Southern trade, and merchants and manufacturers are warned that they must hold to political opinions that are obnoxious to the South. Our city is largely interested in the Southern trade, and the way to our traders to keep and increase their trade with the South, is to mind their business and not mix politics with it, holding what political opinions they please. There is no necessity to sacrifice their manhood, nor their right of opinion, and if there were such a call on them, they would spurn it.

The solvent and safe business men of the South have always traded where it was for their interest to trade, and always will. When a man mixes political considerations with the credit he asks, it will be safe to set him down a sharper, who has no credit in the section whose rights he is so anxious about. And when a Northern merchant offers political considerations as an inducement to a Southern purchase of his goods, he subjects the future payment of them to all the future party contingencies, and to any political change that an embarrassed debtor may choose to set up against his section. This is just. The man who makes sectional politics a consideration in trade, subjects his trade to the contingencies of sectional politics, and it is just that his payment should depend on the result of sectional political contests. In short, when a man offers himself in the market with his goods, it is fit that he should be "sold."

Queer Ideas of Religion.

A morning paper of Tuesday protests against the Queen of Great Britain being included in the prayers offered by Bishop McElvaine at St. John's Church, on Sunday. The paper is, of course, a Southern one. It is a queer feature in our philosophy that a people whose standing fanaticsism is founded on a material interest, should be the class which is set up as being indifferent to profit, while a section which is fanatical on issues, but remotely, if at all, connected with their interest, should be set down as governed solely by money. Travel, and observation of the mingling of the different sections at the capital and large cities, will show that humanity has a common starting point, and that the virtues of benevolence, generosity, hospitality, and personal honor, are, like their counterparts, governed and developed in ratio to the general intelligence, civilization, education and social culture of the people. The progress of civilization would be impossible if this were not so.

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Our business men, and our young men, hold prayer-meetings daily to "remind God of their existence." They present requests that "God may be reminded of the existence" of their absent friends. On Saturday morning in the Business Men's Prayer-meeting, "God was reminded of the existence" of the Prince and suit by fervent prayers for them, and that their visit might redound to His glory, which, undoubtedly, were answered. One day this week the Reverend Doctor who presided at the Young Men's Prayer-meeting, made a request that the regular attendants of the meetings would give notice when they were about to leave the city temporarily, that the meeting might "remind God of their existence," and secure His care over them. The comment on the Bishop's proper prayer for the Queen is equally an attack upon all prayer. We should like to see the "many" whose sentiments are thus "re-echoed."

Artistic Notes on the Wrong Seem. Some of the exclusives of "our first society" could not go to the Prince's ball at the Opera-house, because it was thrown open to the public. We have the most profound respect for the distinctions of American society. Indeed, our reverence for them is that of the finite mind for the incomprehensible. But surely they who set themselves up as the elite, ought to understand the usages of good society. The ball was given to the Prince. That would establish its social rank in the most aristocratic society in England, which is the most exclusive society in the world. How delicate must be the situation of "our first society," that royalty and nobility, whose presence carries aristocracy wherever it goes, could not save "our first society" from falling to the level of any thing unclean, which it happened to come in contact with! What must be the delicacy of the aristocratic nostril, which is so keen for vulgar odors that it has no scent for the air of royalty? The thing is very queer. Our "ceremonie de la crene" of society meant well, and with better knowledge of the etiquette of aristocratic society would improve.

An anecdote may be pertinent. A nob had a nobleman to dine, and insisted that he should take the head of the table, with the nobleman, losing patience, took his host by the shoulders and thrust him into the seat, saying: "Wherever I sit will be the head to thee." In "our best society" the thing works different. It has no power to elevate, nor is it self-sustaining, but it takes its rank from the lowest element with which it comes in contact. That is why it is so timid about going into public assemblies. Even a Prince can't save it.

Discovery of a New Motive Power Superior to Steam. A correspondent of the Boston Herald writes from Nashua, N. H.: "A motive power has been discovered and satisfactorily tested, which, it is estimated, will not only be more effective than steam as a motive power, but which will be eighty per cent. cheaper! Think not that I am raving, for I speak by the card upon the best authority. The new motor of which I speak will be found to be not only more powerful than steam, but will be worked with entire safety. It can also be used for every variety of mechanical purposes—for turning the tiny lathe of the goldsmith, operating the printer's press, driving through the dense marine vessels, and even as a motive power to whirl the wheels of their sewing-machines. It can also be transferred to the kitchen, and there be made to propel the washing-machine, the churn and even to rock the cradle."

A New Explosive Compound.—A new explosive compound has been invented by M. Leonard de Treis, a Belgian chemist. Its cost is less than mining-powder, and it is much more powerful, weight for weight, than ordinary gunpowder. It is composed of nitrate of soda, 52.5 parts; residuum of tan, 17.5 parts; and powdered sulphur, 20 parts. It is used for a limited purpose, and is not adapted for use in cannon. It is called pyronite.

Allice Cary and Her Poetry.

Allice Cary is a woman of fine intellectual gifts, and has the poetic faculty largely developed; indeed few, if any, of her sex are equal to her in the creative faculty, and the power of expression belonging to the race of singers. We may be biased in her favor, but we believe her the first poetess in America, though we judge her by what she has done, not by what she is doing. Many of her productions are musical as Apollo's lyre, beautiful as roses, sweet as the breath of vernal morn. Once read, they are remembered; they continue echoing for years through the mind, and fill the heart with good impulses long after their distinct recollection has died away. Within a few years, however, her muse has walked wearily, often stumbling, often falling to the earth. She is not what she was—her verse is effete; her inspiration gone; her thought emasculated. And yet even in her crude and careless rhymes one discovers a touch of the earlier nature; a thrill of the familiar music; an apparently accidental image of the past; revealing the smothered power and the opaque idea.

Of recent months, however, even these symptoms of her former self have disappeared, and she has written, or allowed to be published under her name, the merest trivialities, without a redeeming merit—the veriest twaddle and nothing more. Every week she seems to grow worse, and we can hardly believe now she is the same Allice Cary we artistically knew a few years ago. As a specimen of her lamentable verse, we reproduce a stanza or two from one of her late effusions, entitled "Counting the Chickens":

Come, Joel come, John! the chickens are out, As true as I am, Johnny!
Let me count 'em, I will, three, four— Oh, I could but find one more
Of the beauties, that will be five!

Just look and see how they grow about! And how they profit, and how they grow!
The little grey one is, oh, oh! There's another one, I see, John.
With its head through its mother's wing.

What could be worse than this? Are these lines Allice Cary's? They are, indeed, though no wonder they appear otherwise. Had we not observed her steady downward progress, intellectually speaking, we would not believe her capable of such rhythmic silliness, such measured insanity.

What has been the cause of this great change? Has she lost her art, or is she the victim of a false school? We think the latter; that she has newly fallen in love with that literary nonentity, Wordsworth, the worst and most empty of all bards, and sought to make him her model. The sacred sisterhood pity her, if she have! For we feel she is beyond all hope. Let her former admirers bury her in the grave of ineffectuality, and love her for what she was.

If she possesses a particle of the fire of her former nature; if she has not forgotten the sweet, sad airs of her pensive spirit, let her shake off this lethargy of nonsense and touch the harp, as once she did, till the weaned songs return again to drink her refreshing song.

NEW BOOKS.

THE HOUSEHOLD OF BOUVERIE, OR THE ELIXIR OF GOLD. A Romance. By a Southern Lady. New York: Derby & Jackson. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co.

The New York correspondent of the New Orleans Picayune states that the author of this work is Mrs. Katherine Ann Hamilton, of Kentucky, the daughter of the late Major Ware, of Kentucky, formerly Secretary of the Mississippi Territory. Miss Ware and her sister, Mrs. Lee, were educated in Philadelphia. In 1845 Mrs. Ware and her sister published a volume entitled "The Wife of Levi," and other Poems, by Two Sisters of the West," and in 1846 another, under the title of "The Indian Chamber, and other Poems."

The plot is startling and ingenious; the hero has more than a glimpse of the devil in him—he is devil all through; yet, strange to say, a fair daughter of Eve loves him all through.

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INDEPENDENT.—HENRY ECK, an independent candidate for the office of JUSTICE OF THE PEACE at the election, will be supported by the following persons: JAMES F. MOBLE, Secretary.

TOWNSHIP TICKET.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.—R. N. CLARK, N. MARRIOTT, BENJ. C. FREE, DAVID FISKE, W. L. ALDRICH.

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ATTENTION! EIGHTH WARD.—All those who are interested in the welfare of the Eighth Ward, are requested to meet at the residence of Mr. L. B. Baker, on 212 Hope, on Thursday, October 4, at 7 1/2 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. L. B. Baker, on 212 Hope, on Thursday, October 4, at 7 1/2 o'clock.

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